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Paris Paper Blasts CIA by Naming Spies

Paris, Jan. 13 (UPI) — The extreme left-wing newspaper Liberation published today a list of 32 persons it says belong to the French network of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Liberation said the list was compiled after a long investigation by reporters who were helped by Americans "disgusted by clandestine intervention of their government throughout the world."

Liberation said it was cooperating with the American magazine Counterspy, which last year published the names of alleged CIA bureau chiefs throughout the world.

"We don't wish anyone to meet death," Liberation said in reference to the slaying last month of Richard Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens. Welch was shot to death by three gunmen after Counterspy and an Athens newspaper.

In Washington, Robert Funseth, a spokesman for the State Department, said publication of the list was "contemptible and inflammatory."

"Experience has shown that the printing of such lists is extremely irresponsible," Funseth said. "It can incite lunatics and fanatics to attack diplomats."

Liberation devoted most of today's issue to its attack on the CIA and its alleged Paris operations. It gave the names of what it claimed were CIA agents, including, in many cases, their addresses, post office boxes or telephone numbers.